

**BOROUGH OF ELLPORT,
LAWRENCE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 04 of 2024

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Ellport Borough wishes to facilitate the participation of all Council members in all Council meetings as allowed by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of Ellport Borough is empowered to manage the virtual attendance and participation of Borough Council members pursuant to 8 Pa.C.S.A. Section 1001(c); and,

WHEREAS, since the adoption of 8 Pa.C.S.A. Section 1001(c) by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Ellport Borough Council has allowed the virtual participation of Council members pursuant to that statute; and,

WHEREAS, 8 Pa.C.S.A. Section 1001(c) provides specific rules for the virtual participation of Council members in Council meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Ellport Borough wishes to formally adopt the legislated rules and related procedures for the effective virtual participation of Council members in Council meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and it is hereby **RESOLVED** that the Council of Ellport, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, adopts the following rules for the virtual participation of Council members in Council meetings.

I. Ellport Council members may participate virtually in council meetings by means of telecommunication devices, such as telephones or computer terminals, which permit, at a minimum, audio communication between locations, if the following apply:

(1) A majority of the membership of council then in office is physically present at the advertised meeting place within the borough and a quorum is established at the convening or reconvening of the meeting. If, after the convening or reconvening of a meeting, a member has been disqualified from voting as a matter of law, but is still physically present, council members participating by telecommunication device in accordance with this section shall be counted to maintain a quorum.

(2) The telecommunication device used permits the member or members of council not physically present at the meeting to:

(i) speak to and hear the comments and votes, if any, of the members of council who are physically present, as well as other members of council who may not be physically present and are also using a telecommunication device to participate in the meeting; and

(ii) speak to and hear the comments of the public who are physically present at the meeting.

(3) The telecommunication device used permits the members of council and the members of the public who are physically present at the meeting to speak to and hear the comments and the vote, if any, of the member or members of council who are not physically present at the meeting.

II. Ellport Council authorizes participation by telecommunication device for one or more of the following reasons:

- (i) illness or disability of the member of council;
- (ii) care for the ill or newborn in the member's immediate family;
- (iii) emergency; and
- (iv) family or business travel.

III. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to limit the protections and prohibitions contained in any law or regulation relating to the rights of the disabled.

IV. Council members shall provide their own device to allow participation in the meeting.

V. A Council member participating virtually shall use the application as designated by Ellport Borough Council to participate for that meeting.

VI. A Council member wishing to participate virtually shall give advance notice of intention to participate virtually whenever possible to the Borough Secretary.

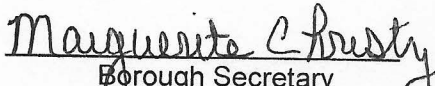
VII. This Resolution is effective the date of its passage.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 19th day of AUGUST, 2024, by the vote of the majority of the members of the Borough Council of Ellport Borough, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, at a properly advertised meeting of the Borough Council where a quorum or more of the Borough Council was present.



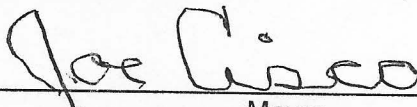
Council President

ATTEST:



Borough Secretary

Reviewed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2024.



Mayor